

Arbor Day: one new tree is planted

Dana officials celebrate national observance by nurturing the botanical resources of the college

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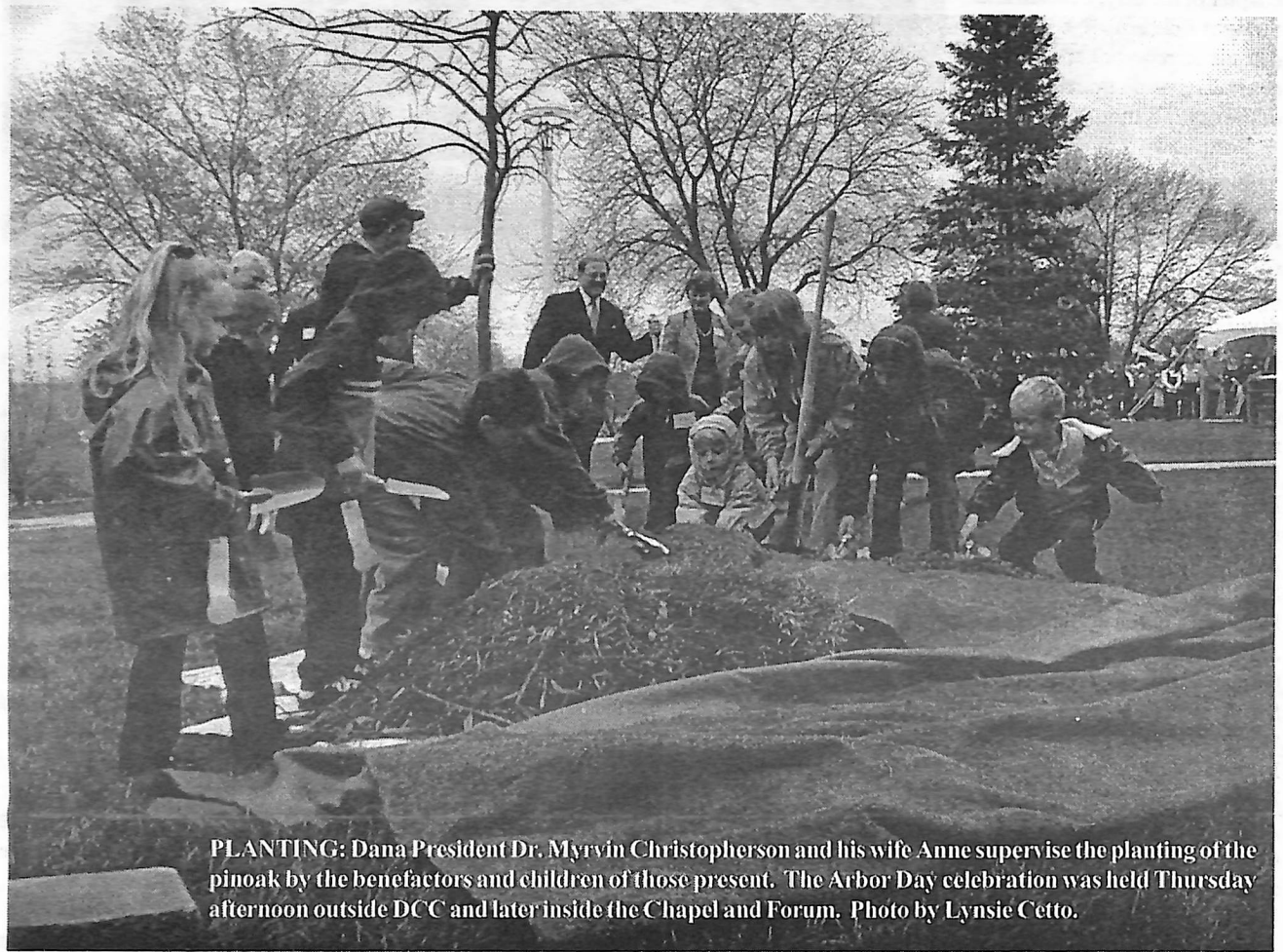
The celebration on Thursday was all about honoring trees and donors to Dana College.

Dana's Arbor Day celebration consisted of ceremonies inside and out. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. outside the Margre Henningson Durham Center, the President and a host of student officers and representatives addressed those present as the band finished playing on the terrace. The group then moved inside to the Chapel for a short service, as dark clouds threatened rain overhead, and participated in the dedication of the stained glass windows in the Chapel.

All the speakers lauded the accomplishments of Dana and many compared the meaning of Arbor Day to the significance of preparing students in the college itself.

"We are planting seeds for the future," said Richard Vierk, echoing the words voiced only moments before by Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson. Vierk, who is the chairman of the Board of Regents, continued by saying, "Dana provides a great education and strong moral fiber to our students."

Dr. Patti Gubbels, Assistant Professor of Education at Dana, gave a short speech and then invited the children of those attending to join her and her class in games as the ceremony continued. She compared trees and children, saying her grandfather had explained the similarities to her once. "Trees are like children, because if you plant them, then you have an obligation



PLANTING: Dana President Dr. Myrvin Christopherson and his wife Anne supervise the planting of the pinoak by the benefactors and children of those present. The Arbor Day celebration was held Thursday afternoon outside DCC and later inside the Chapel and Forum. Photo by Lysie Cetto.

to keep them strong. They learn to bend without breaking. You provide them the freedom to branch out."

President Christopherson then identified the tree as a pinoak and explained what residents and benefactors of the college could expect as the tree matured.

"The pinoak here is sixteen feet tall now, and is a popular shade tree in a pyramid shape. The wood was used to create pegs or pins for construction," he said, hence the name.

Dr. Christopherson dedicated the tree to the memory of John Ronnow Lauritzen and his family. John Lauritzen is survived by his wife Elizabeth Davis Lauritzen and his son Bruce Lauritzen, who is the chairman of First National Bank of Omaha. The Lauritzens were and are major donors to the college. President Christopherson noted, "I think it's fitting to plant a strong tree in honor of a solid leader."

Bruce Lauritzen replied to these

dedications on behalf of his family, thanking Dana for being a fine institution.

"This college enters the 21st century truly shining," he said. "It's truly a beautiful place. We are grateful to be a small help."

The ceremonies ended after a dinner in the Forum consisting of various meats and fruits, along with tables of desserts designed to tempt the eye and stomach and thank all donors for their generosity.

Cultural Fair features international panels, speakers, traditional food and dances, choir, barbecue and luau

Jaime Ellithorpe
Staff Writer

The Communication Capstone class and professor Lisa Schreiber will be hosting a week-long cultural fair on Dana's campus from April 28 to May 2.

Various events, including discussion panels, presentations and entertainment, will introduce participants to diverse cultures not found on campus or directly within the Blair community.

"The impetus for organizing this cultural fair was twofold. First, to give senior Communication majors experience in planning and organizing a service-

related event; and second, to promote cultural awareness on and off campus. The students have done a good job balancing the coverage of serious issues with fun and entertainment," said Schreiber.

The first event of the week will be a panel of speakers discussing culture and how he or she adapted to their new living environment in the Midwest. Panel members include Dr. Andrea Ng'weshemi, campus pastor and assistant professor of religion, originally from Tanzania; Dr. Sybille Bartels, associate dean for student success, director of international studies and English as a second language, and professor of German, originally from Germany; Diana Brown, associate professor of French and Spanish, originally from Argentina; Anna Weyer,

Omaha artist, originally from Poland; Tomas Berard, Dana student, originally from Argentina; and Aleksei Kriatchko, Dana student, originally from Russia.

Students and the community are invited to the cafeteria Monday night to eat traditional Mexican food prepared by Sodexo Marriott and hear the mariachi band Los Galleros.

On Tuesday, featured speaker Frank Lamere will return to campus to share his experiences as a Native American and will discuss issues directly related to Nebraska, particularly the battle to enforce liquor laws in White Clay, Neb.

On Tuesday evening the Polish culture will be introduced through demonstrations of four polka dances including "polka passion."

Award winning dancers Robyn Wilks and Duane Wilks will be on hand to give

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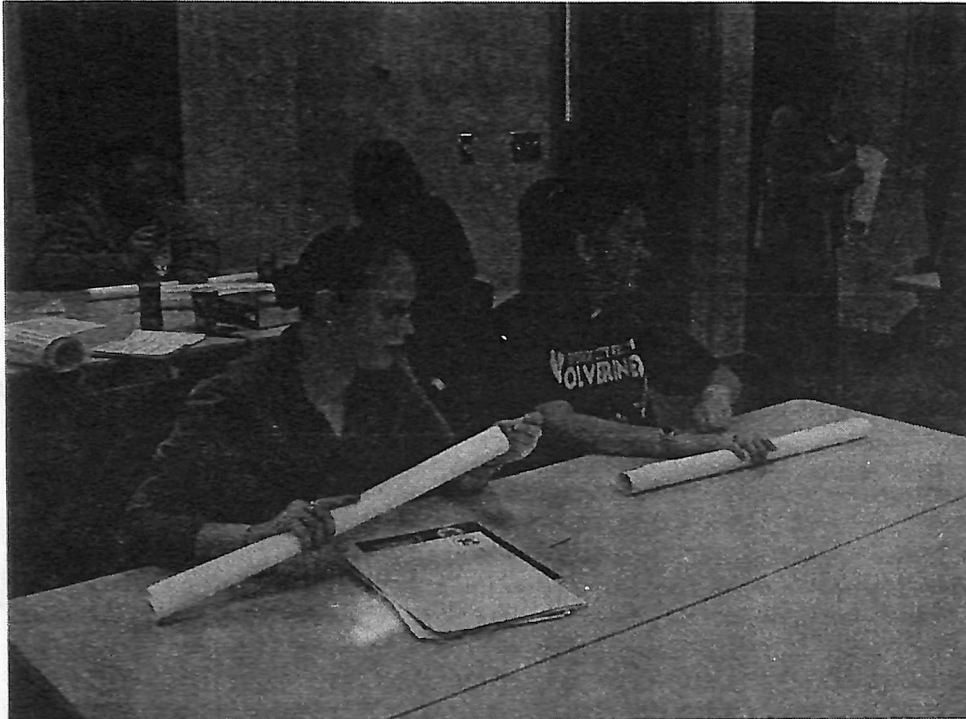
lessons and show their display of egg painting. Bratwursts will also be served.

Wednesday afternoon brings speakers from the Omaha chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network to discuss stereotypes and offer a panel discussion from members of the organization.

That evening, Voices of Victory, a choir group from Salem Baptist Church, will perform prior to the barbecue sponsored by HOPE.

Thursday the religious diversity panel will discuss issues about religious tolerance and how to promote one's own religious beliefs while still respecting the beliefs of others. Members of the panel include Dr. John Lyden, professor of religion and author of *Enduring Issues in Religion*, Pastor Stanley Reinemund of First Lutheran Church in Blair; Elder Jesse Price, a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; the Rev. Peter M.J. Stravinskis, founder of the Catholic Answer and the Priestly Society of the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman in Omaha; Rabbi Aryeh Azrial from the Temple of Israel in Omaha; and Reverend Nonin Chowaney, abbot of the Nebraska Zen Center in Omaha.

On Thursday evening Officer Kevin Donlan, a member of the gang intelligence unit of the Omaha Police Department will discuss gang mentality, and how its escalation affects families and the community. Dana alumnus and musician



Preparing Posters: Maria Roesler, left, and Karie Lenzen, right, help create posters advertising the upcoming Cultural Fair. They are both members of Professor Schreiber's class and are involved in the extensive planning for such a gigantic event. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

Tami Ahrendt will perform on Thursday evening. Ahrendt has been compared to Sheryl Crow and Janis Joplin and is currently working on a new project.

On Friday Dr. Marion Boulby from the University of Nebraska Omaha will share her knowledge on the Islam culture and the Middle East.

The closing event for the fair will be a luau hosted by the Hawaiian Club. Guests will have the opportunity to eat and watch hula dancing before the traditional fire dance at sundown.

The Communication Capstone class hopes these events will educate

participants about cultural awareness and at the same time entertain students and the community in innovative ways.

"I think the fair will be very fun and informative. We've put a lot of hard work into this fair and we are excited for the meaningful events that will be held here at Dana," said Ross Jensen, Communication Capstone student.

For more information about the upcoming cultural fair and an up-to-date schedule of events, activities and guest speakers, visit the college's website at <http://www.dana.edu/communication/fair.html>.

On Campus This Week

Saturday, April 26
World's of Fun! * Kansas City

NEXTWEEK...
Tuesday, April 29- Intramurals - Ultimate Frisbee

Wednesday, April 30 - Trip to Omaha: Putt Putt Golf
Time: vans leave at 6:30 * directions will also be available

Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat.
(April 30 - May 3): Spring Play - Grease. Saturday: Nintendo Tourn. 2nd Mickelson BAHM!

SPORTS

Baseball

Apr. 26
Midland Lutheran 1:00 pm Blair, NE
May 1-4
GPAC Tournament TBA TBA

Softball

Fri Apr 25
at Peru State College 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.
Sun Apr 27
York College 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Thu
May 1-2 at GPAC Conference Tournament TBA Fri

Track

Apr. 25 Simpson Twilight Indianola, IA
May 3 GPAC Outdoor Conference Championship Orange City, IA

by Lynsie Cetto

HOT TOPICS

What are your views on vandalism in Mickelsen Hall?



Freshman Gary McCloud

"I think there are a lot of spoiled young men staying in Mick, who are used to their mothers cleaning up for them. But this ain't their mother's home and I pay rent too."



Freshman Ku'uipo Monis

"Whatever the guys choose to do, do it on your floor and not in the stairwells."



Freshman Nancy Steward

"Vandalism bothers me greatly because it gets old walking through chew spit every weekend."



Dana Students Pete, Darrell, Steve

"We think it stinks."

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The Other Side of Campus: Bush speaks with Hermes on his policies and beliefs

Jeremy Stoll
Staff Writer

I recently conducted an interview with President George W. Bush in a new series of weekly interviews for the Hermes. As I entered, Mr. Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld were playing with action figures on a large cardboard cut-out of what looked like the Middle East. After I waited patiently for half an hour, the President took a break for milk, cookies, and our interview.

JS: Mr. President, I'd like to thank you for joining me this afternoon.

GWB: I'd like to thank the American people.

JS: For electing you president?

GWB: They didn't elect me president, Florida did.

JS: All right then...let's move on. Mr. President, why did we invade Iraq?

GWB: Well, it was clear to us that Saddam Hussein and his regime were making weapons of mass destruction, and that the U.N. inspectors were not able to find them because they were cleverly disguised as small children.

JS: The weapons were disguised as small children?

GWB: Correct.

JS: Then why, now that Iraq has been thoroughly occupied by the "Coalition of

the Willing," have no weapons of mass destruction been found?

GWB: Well, by using our smart technology, we've been able to find and destroy the bombs shaped like Iraqi children.

JS: I see.

GWB: I don't think you do. Those weren't kids in those pictures on the news...those were bombs. They were just shaped like kids.

JS: What about occupying Iraq for the purposes of regime change?

GWB: Of course, we wanted to liberate the Iraqi people from Saddam's tranny.

JS: By "liberating" them, you mean freeing the people from Saddam's "tyranny."

GWB: That's what I said.

JS: How do you explain the reaction of the Iraqi people to U.S. occupation?

GWB: Well, I believe that the Iraqi people were very happy with the U.S. occupation. The news has captured many images of Iraqi people wrestling with U.S. Marines, and children playing on the heavy artillery. I would describe the Iraqi response as one of jubilation.

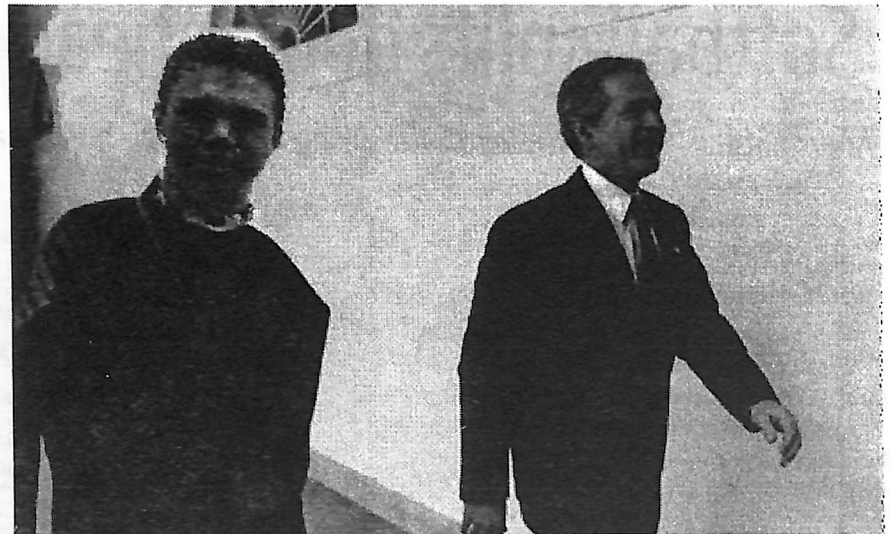
JS: You mean jubilation?

GWB: That's what I said.

JS: And the looting?

GWB: They're looting out of jubilismation.

JS: What of the allegations that the



Interview Finished: Dana student Jeremy Stoll, left, and U.S. President George Bush talked with each other recently on his policies. Photo by U.S. State Department.

news footage of jubilant Iraqis is actually of members of the "Iraqi National Congress," flown in to stage some of these scenes of celebration, including the now-famous image of Saddam's statue being toppled?

GWB: Pass.

JS: Very well, let's move on to domestic policy.

GWB: I'm not familiar with that term.

JS: What do you say to people that accuse you of disregarding human rights with the Patriot Act, and the new Homeland Security program?

GWB: I say, "Don't mess with Texas."

JS: How will the U.S. respond to the potential threat of nuclear proliferation after North Korea, and Iran?

GWB: Well, we will seek further diplomatic relations with these countries.

JS: And if diplomacy fails?

GWB: I've got a diploma, you want to see it?

JS: How did you become president?

GWB: By promising the people what the people want; no taxes, more jobs, more corporate control, and less privacy.

JS: Do you feel you've lived up to those promises?

GWB: Which promises?

JS: The ones you made to the American people during your election campaign.

GWB: Are you saying I didn't deserve Florida?

JS: Mr. President, I never mentioned Florida.

GWB: I'm president.

JS: Yes, I know.

GWB: You got some blow?

JS: That's all the time we have today.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing this in response to an article that was recently printed in the Hermes Weekly. The article was called, "Dry campus": how Dana handles alcohol.

I totally agree with the ideals of having a dry campus. A dry campus is an all-around, safer, more enjoyable campus, however I think for it to be a dry CAMPUS it should include the absence of alcohol, as well as alcohol-induced vandalism in all buildings, not just Argo Hall.

Anyone who lives in or has visited Mickelsen Hall on a Friday, or Saturday night can attest to this "dry campus" ideal as a joke. I'm not talking about the fourth floor where the well mannered ladies stay, I'm talking about the second and third

floors where on any given night a person can be woken up 4 or 5 times by a drunken individual making commotion in the hall ways.

Where a person must wear shoes to walk out of his room for fear of stepping in an intoxicated person's urine which is undoubtedly sloshing throughout the hallway.

It is these students who will have to pay for broken ceiling tiles, broken exit signs, broken windows, and broken doors that were destroyed by alcohol induced vandalism in almost every case.

But, innocent students having to shell out more money on top of the 19 something thousand dollars that we

already pay for this school because a few students get drunk and want to destroy things is absurd! Haven't we paid enough? I realize that these acts of vandalism should not be tolerated, and that the damage done does cost money, however if innocent students attend a college which claims to be a "dry campus" and then have to suffer physically, as well as financially because of alcohol-induced acts, then what does that say about the school itself, and its enforcement of rules?

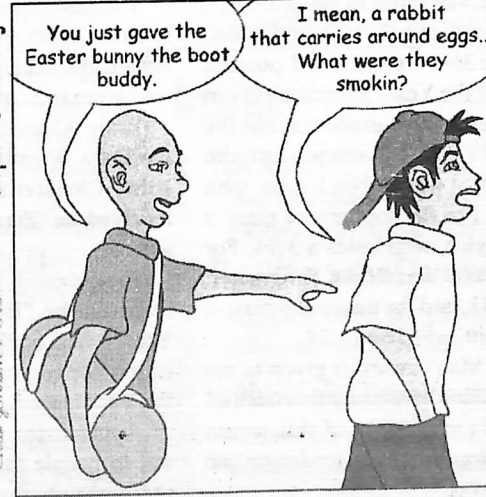
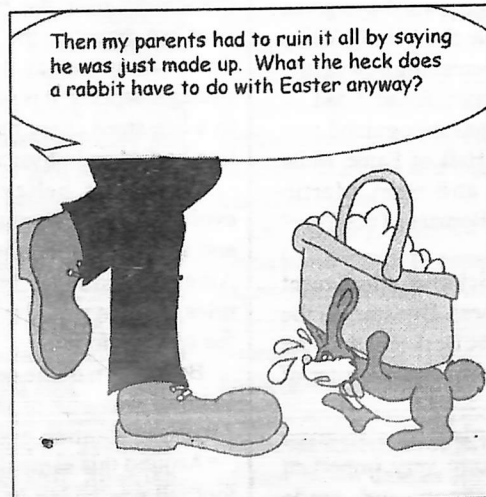
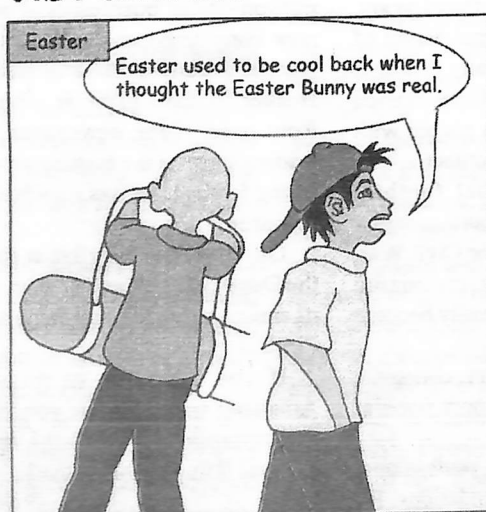
For Mr. Chris Jebson to call this a "dry campus" makes me wonder if he himself is aware of the events that have occurred and continue to occur in Mickelsen. One of the reasons for this constant problem

of alcohol is not only because students are away from parents, but also because most of the students who do abuse this policy are not being held accountable. The disciplinary action that is taken by administration is sufficient for those who are caught, but most of the individuals who are abusing this no alcohol policy are not being caught. This is for many reasons that range from the shrewdness of students to the simple carelessness of authority figures.

Until the day where Dana's alcohol policy is effectively enforced it is my opinion that Dana will not be a "dry campus."

-Concerned Dana Student

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Softball splits doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan

After splitting with N. Wesleyan, the Vikings look to finish the season strong before entering the GPAC Conference Championships

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Viking girls' softball team is winding down their season, but not without a fight to the finish.

Against their last four opponents, the ladies have split games with each team. Most recently, they beat Nebraska Wesleyan 2-1 in their first game last Tuesday, but lost the second game of the double-header 3-0.

Against Morningside College last Monday, the ladies lost the first game 5-4, but came roaring back in the second game to shut them out, 3-0.

On April 16, the Vikings played Doane College. After losing the first game 7-1, they picked themselves back up to win the second game 8-5, going into extra innings to do it.

Against Dordt College on April 14, the Vikings dropped a close one, losing 2-1 after 10 innings. In the second game, the Vikings were winning 1-0 after the second inning when the game got called.

The Vikings only have two opponents left until the post-season tournaments start. They play at Peru State College today at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., and then play host to York College on Sunday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Starting next Thursday, May 1, the Vikings will compete in the GPAC Conference Tournament, which runs all day Thursday and Friday.



Swinging: Dana softball split a doubleheader with Nebraska Wesleyan Tuesday, 2-1 and 0-3. Finishing the season with games against Peru State and York College, the Vikes will try for the final conference playoffs. Photo by Lynsie Cetto.

Dana wrestling team celebrates successful season

Marshall Marquardt
Sports Editor

The Vikings wrestling season has finally come to a close after holding their annual year-end banquet at the Bel-Air Ballroom in Omaha.

Many awards were given out along with the showing of a highlight video that was produced by freshmen Tyson Linnell and Wade Danielson.

Among the recipients of the awards were AJ Rinaldi, Ruben Leyba, Craig Trampe and Rob Casto, who received the "Red-Shirt Wrestler of the Year" award.

Other awards that were given out included the "Newcomer of the Year" award, which was given to Jason Lozier, who placed sixth at nationals and ended the year with a 36-14 record at 141 pounds.

"Scholar of the Year" awards are given to one wrestler in each grade that has the highest grade point average. For the freshman class it was Ruben Leyba, who holds a 3.87. For the sophomore class it was Scott Taylor, who holds a 3.74. For the junior class it was Wynn Fangmeier, who has a 3.43, and for the senior class it was Ed Schmitt, who has a 3.28.

The "Iron Man" award is given to the wrestlers who don't miss any practices all year long. The recipients of this award were Leister Bowling, Ben Henderson and Wade Danielson.

The "Tough Man" award was given to Brian Tsutsumi, while the "Most Falls" award was given to Wynn Fangmeier, who had 14.

"Twenty Match Winner" awards were given to Ben Henderson (22), Ryan Knight (23), and Brian Tsutsumi (23). "Twenty-Five Match Winner" awards were given to Wynn Fangmeier (25) and Art Castillo (26). The "Thirty-Five Match Winner" award went to Jason Lozier (36), while the "Forty Match Winner" award went to Leister Bowling (44).

The coveted "Wrestler of the Year" award was also awarded to Bowling.

There were many other awards that were given out not to the wrestlers but to the helpers and supporters of the program.

The student manager award was given to Brian Martin, while the Viking Voice Award, the Viking's wrestling newsletter, was given to Sam Martin, Brian's dad.

Ernie Abariotes was recognized into the Dana Wrestling Hall of Fame while John Christensen and Sam Martin received the "Parent Booster of the Year" awards.

Joe Petersen of Schmidt Monument received the "Business Booster of the Year" award, while Eric Becker of the Blair Enterprise received the "Sportswriter of the Year" award.

Appreciation awards were also given out to people that were very important throughout the season and made

everything just a little bit easier. Those awards went to Leslie Rasmussen, Mark Kwikkel and Jeff Hume.

The Vikings finished the year with four All-Americans and a best-ever 11th place finish at nationals.

Spring football game will celebrate American culture

Ah, what is not to like about the sport of football? The sound of a bone-crushing hit. The spectacular touchdown catch in the corner of the end zone. The sight of a perfectly-thrown spiral flying through the air.

It then comes as no surprise that the popularity of the sport has grown immensely over the past thirty years. Fans are drawn to the primal nature of the sport, as well as its many different strategic aspects. It is sometimes likened to a life-sized chess match played with live bodies and physical contact.

Historians believe that football evolved from the English sports of rugby and soccer. Shortly after the Civil War, American colleges began organizing rules for what would eventually become the sport of football.

By the turn of the century, collegiate football was one of the most popular American sporting events.

Around this same time, professional football was laying its foundations. By

1921, the National Football League had been formed. Professional football has continued to grow ever since. The Super Bowl, which began in 1967, is now one of the most-watched single sporting events in the world.

Today, both professional and collegiate football have become multi-million-dollar businesses. Football is now considered one of the staples of American culture. Here in Nebraska, a Husker football game is often on the front page of the newspaper, and the leading story on the evening news. Even spring football receives significant media attention.

On Thursday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m., the Dana College football team will hold its annual spring football game on Viking Field.

If you are a fan of this popular American sport, I invite you to stop by and witness first hand the enormous cultural influence of football.

-Ross Jensen